Alberta Population Report

December 18, 2003 — Third Quarter, 2003

Population Estimates

Alberta's population growth between October 1 of 2002 and 2003 continues to be the highest among the provinces. As of October 1, 2003, Alberta's population is estimated to be 3,164,400. This is an increase of about 38,900 persons (or 1.24% growth) from October 1, 2002. Ontario and British Columbia had the next largest growth rates among the provinces at 1.11% and 0.85% respectively.

The following table shows the population estimates and growth rates of Canada and Alberta since 1996 for October 1.

TABLE 1: **National and Provincial Population & Growth Rates, October 1**

	Canada		Alberta	
October 1	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate
1996	29,708,936		2,789,766	
1997	29,996,204	0.97%	2,847,779	2.08%
1998	30,233,741	0.79%	2,916,212	2.40%
1999	30,494,888	0.86%	2,967,290	1.75%
2000	30,787,468	0.96%	3,017,734	1.70%
2001	31,132,050	1.12%	3,074,505	1.88%
2002	31,448,767	1.02%	3,125,527	1.66%
2003	31,714,637	0.85%	3,164,400	1.24%

Source: Statistics Canada

Population estimates for October 1, 2003 for all provinces and territories are provided in Table 2 below. The population growth rates for the twelve-month period ending October 1, 2003 are also shown.

Migration

Between July 1 and September 30, 2003, Alberta had an estimated net interprovincial migration of 3,100 people. This is slightly over 58% of total net migration (interprovincial and international) to Alberta. Alberta had the largest number of interprovincial net migrants in Canada, followed by British Columbia. The origin and destination of interprovincial migrants are shown in Table 3 on the next page.

As shown in Table 3, the primary source of Alberta's interprovincial in-migrants for the third quarter was British Columbia, followed by Ontario and Saskatchewan. These three provinces were also the three main destinations of out-migrants from Alberta.

Natural Increase

During the third quarter (July 1 to September 30, 2003), Alberta experienced a natural increase (births minus deaths) of 5,300 people. The province had 9,800 births versus 4,500 deaths in this quarter.

More details of the demographic data are available from Alberta Finance, Statistics.

TABLE 2: **Population of Provinces/Territories, October 1, 2003 & Growth Rates Since October 1, 2002**

	NFLD.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	YUKON	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	520,170	137,941	936,878	750,460	7,503,502	12,280,731	1,164,135	995,003	3,164,400	4,158,649	31,371	42,040	29,357
Growth Rate	0.08%	0.50%	0.16%	0.03%	0.61%	1.11%	0.59%	0.01%	1.24%	0.85%	3.12%	1.18%	1.51%

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS, JULY 1, 2003 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

Origin	Destination												
	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	54	498	179	107	1,226	66	66	812	186	12	30	42
Prince Edward I.	54	0	263	130	26	341	22	25	40	20	13	15	25
Nova Scotia	513	150	0	883	333	2,080	107	34	1,029	744	12	26	33
New Brunswick	264	121	765	0	1,037	1,625	108	69	600	182	0	30	5
Quebec	49	5	274	723	0	6,064	161	61	930	748	26	35	15
Ontario	1,549	405	2,477	1,216	6,331	0	1,598	862	5,442	5,570	61	217	39
Manitoba	81	26	139	55	162	1,750	0	866	1,702	1,363	32	29	24
Saskatchewan	49	18	73	41	96	656	692	0	3,705	1,226	0	76	0
Alberta	728	135	879	646	754	3,825	1,077	2,557	0	7,920	143	284	0
British Columbia	158	76	569	199	1,065	3,926	919	1,088	7,213	0	320	58	10
Yukon Territory	10	0	0	0	6	54	0	21	129	124	0	18	16
Northwest Terr.	44	0	0	0	43	72	60	82	459	72	40	0	12
Nunavut Terr.	10	0	15	0	52	53	17	72	9	60	19	89	0

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
In Migration	3,509	990	5,952	4,072	10,012	21,672	4,827	5,803	22,070	18,215	678	907	221
Out Migration	3,278	974	5,944	4,806	9,091	25,767	6,229	6,632	18,948	15,601	378	884	396
Net Migration	231	16	8	-734	921	-4,095	-1,402	-829	3,122	2,614	300	23	-175

Source: Statistics Canada

Information provided in this document is preliminary, and thus subject to change in future reports.

Alberta Migration by Quarter

	Interprovincial			International						Total
	Out-Migration	In-Migration	*Net Interprovincial*	Immigration	Emigration	Non-Permanent Residents	Temporarily Abroad	Returning Emigrants	*Net International*	*Total Net Migration*
1997										
Jan - Mar	8,802	15,282	**6,480**	3,262	1,234	591	624	454	**2,449**	**8,929**
Apr - June	11,908	20,613	**8,705**	3,518	1,727	653	726	754	**2,472**	**11,177**
July - Sep	14,756	25,161	**10,405**	3,318	2,658	936	938	1,065	**1,723**	**12,128**
Oct - Dec	6,537	13,406	**6,869**	2,735	1,568	-476	704	521	**508**	**7,377**
Total	*42,003*	*74,462*	***32,459***	*12,833*	*7,187*	*1,704*	*2,992*	*2,794*	***7,152***	***39,611***
1998										
Jan - Mar	9,065	20,591	**11,526**	2,657	1,128	216	610	509	**1,644**	**13,170**
Apr - Jun	12,860	27,149	**14,289**	2,938	1,466	307	682	923	**2,020**	**16,309**
July - Sept	13,828	23,051	**9,223**	3,039	2,296	876	972	958	**1,605**	**10,828**
Oct - Dec	8,408	13,495	**5,087**	2,564	1,196	-477	682	382	**591**	**5,678**
Total	*44,161*	*84,286*	***40,125***	*11,198*	*6,086*	*922*	*2,946*	*2,772*	***5,860***	***45,985***
1999										
Jan - Mar	10,103	14,693	**4,590**	2,614	853	460	592	476	**2,105**	**6,695**
Apr - Jun	13,402	19,693	**6,291**	3,026	1,218	1,186	688	854	**3,160**	**9,451**
July - Sept	15,993	21,712	**5,719**	3,639	2,145	799	941	1,070	**2,422**	**8,141**
Oct - Dec	8,770	11,862	**3,092**	2,810	1,234	-962	697	497	**414**	**3,506**
Total	*48,268*	*67,960*	***19,692***	*12,089*	*5,450*	*1,483*	*2,918*	*2,897*	***8,101***	***27,793***
2000										
Jan - Mar	10,313	17,065	**6,752**	2,864	894	713	606	437	**2,514**	**9,266**
Apr - Jun	12,971	20,082	**7,111**	3,552	1,211	561	690	806	**3,018**	**10,129**
July - Sept	15,768	20,600	**4,832**	4,171	2,638	1,353	967	1,007	**2,926**	**7,758**
Oct - Dec	8,330	14,032	**5,702**	3,762	1,455	-856	698	404	**1,157**	**6,859**
Total	*47,382*	*71,779*	***24,397***	*14,349*	*6,198*	*1,771*	*2,961*	*2,654*	***9,615***	***34,012***
2001										
Jan - Mar	8,471	12,964	**4,493**	3,831	1,031	1,048	601	405	**3,652**	**8,145**
Apr - Jun	11,103	16,533	**5,430**	4,436	1,311	889	665	782	**4,131**	**9,561**
July - Sept	16,805	25,737	**8,932**	4,578	2,647	1,484	972	1,004	**3,447**	**12,379**
Oct - Dec	9,502	15,261	**5,759**	3,548	1,454	-824	698	404	**976**	**6,735**
Total	*45,881*	*70,495*	***24,614***	*16,393*	*6,443*	*2,597*	*2,936*	*2,595*	***12,206***	***36,820***
2002										
Jan - Mar	10,241	16,033	**5,792**	3,919	1,017	410	598	405	**3,119**	**8,911**
Apr - Jun	12,832	18,584	**5,752**	4,599	1,301	522	664	782	**3,938**	**9,690**
July - Sept	20,635	24,781	**4,146**	3,086	2,663	1,159	972	1,004	**1,614**	**5,760**
Oct - Dec	11,207	13,476	**2,269**	3,118	1,461	-909	698	404	**454**	**2,723**
Total	*54,915*	*72,874*	***17,959***	*14,722*	*6,442*	*1,182*	*2,932*	*2,595*	***9,125***	***27,084***
2003										
Jan - Mar	13,011	15,631	**2,620**	3,098	1,019	614	598	405	**2,500**	**5,120**
Apr - Jun	14,984	18,030	**3,046**	4,269	1,309	175	664	782	**3,253**	**6,299**
July - Sept	18,948	22,070	**3,122**	4,545	2,682	355	972	1,004	**2,250**	**5,372**
Oct - Dec	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	**n/a**	**n/a**
Total	*46,943*	*55,731*	***8,788***	*11,912*	*5,010*	*1,144*	*2,234*	*2,191*	***8,003***	***16,791***

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